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FROM	Chief of Station, Germany	DATE <b>7 January 1959</b>	
SUBJECT	REDWOOD/AECOB/[ ] Status Report on AECAMUSO/3's Son	RE: "43-3" -- (CHECK "X" CASE)	
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1. On 22 December, we met in Munich with [ ] to discuss the status of our joint endeavors to get AECAMUSO's son to the United States. [ ] stated that he thought by now that Mrs. Werner had departed for the States and the child was in the custody of Hermanis. He said that he could do nothing further in the case until the ISS report was received by the Augsburg Jugendamt and requested that we take whatever measures were available to us to expedite the receipt of this report.

2. Knowing who is handling this case both inside and out at home, we can hardly ask that more be done than is being done. It appears to us locally that ISS should logically consider this an unusual case and expedite their report since the adopting parents are the closest surviving relatives of the boy and because it is generally against the philosophy of social workers to let a child be tossed around from place to place with loss of ties and an unknown future for an extended period. However, I am sure that this is mutually clear to all of us.

3. [ ] hopes to wrap up this case very quickly after receipt of the ISS report. We should start considering at this time exactly what steps we are prepared to take when the boy is ready to go to the States. [ ] states that the Jugendamt will permit the boy to be flown to the States without escort. Notwithstanding this position it seems to me that it would be incompatible with our initial objectives, when we moved into this situation, to permit him to go to the States unescorted. Headquarters still has the pleasure, through [ ] or otherwise, of arranging a settlement of AECOB/3's contract benefits with the Lidacises. Since our efforts to date have been to show them (and others, identified or otherwise) that we are good fellows and take care of the orphans of those who work with us, I would recommend that we go one step further and bring the boy into their arms in a suitable fashion.

4. Prior to the boy's departure for the States, he should probably be taken to the Munich PX and supplied with an attractive American wardrobe. I would then think that he should be escorted to the States by a case officer who could speak Latvian or German or both, and custody transferred in genteel fashion to the Lidacises.

5. Admittedly, my views herein are somewhat out of the legal realm, but having submitted them, I throw the problem to the SR Division and FOB for a decision on how this aspect of the case should be handled.

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